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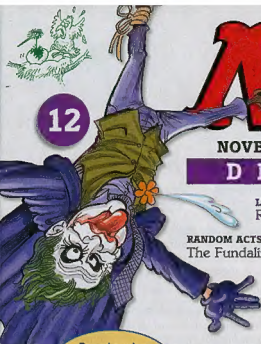
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People who
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electing to stay
out of it!



ALFRED E. NEUMAN



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IN THE NICKNAME OF TIME

Thank you so much for making "Calvin and Jobs." I used to love *Calvin and Hobbes* and I loved the parody you guys did. I also like how you did the same thing with *Cathy* and Amy Winehouse. Why wasn't *The Strip Club* in last month's issue? It's one of the best parts of the magazine. And where did Bitterman go? P.S. Don't make fun of my name with Gryffindor because that isn't that original.

Griffin Benzel, letters@madmagazine.com

Gryffindor — We never claimed we were original. Thanks for reading! —Ed.

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There is a long story behind this note card. My aunt gave them to me when she saw my Bar Mitzvah thank you notes. I tried not to choke from laughing and throwing up at the same time. So for my dumb wish, I would like you to publish the front of this note card, but somehow vandalized.

Andrew Rybczynski, Baltimore, MD



Rybeye — At the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™, we're all about making readers wishes come true. But in your case, how can we possibly mess with perfection and vandalize such an impeccable work of art? We would be doing Red Farm Studios (the makers of this card) a disservice. Please thank your aunt for us, because the only thing that needs changing is your attitude! Congratulations on becoming a man! —Ed.

READER ALERT



Election Day is coming up, which means Alfred E. Neuman needs as much help as possible if he's going to lose in style. So we're asking you, dear readers, to take the poster in this very issue and hang it in a store window, on a telephone pole, even at the voting booths. Take a picture of your handiwork and we'll print the best ones in an upcoming issue. Remember, if we all work together, we can secure an Alfred victory and America can have its dumbest President yet! (Well, second dumbest!) Send pics to letters@madmagazine.com or via snail mail to Amy "The Big Poster" Vozeolas, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

When I found out Bill Clinton would be stumping for Hillary at my old middle school (East Middle, Martinsville, IN), was my first thought to go and hear his take on all of Hillary's presidential ideas? No! My first thought was to go and get the former Commander-in-Chief of all Celebrity Snaps! Well, as our current Commander-in-Chief would say, "Mission Accomplished" (for real!)

Brenner Williams, Martinsville, IN

Brenner Off Dead — Great snap! But we have a question — was there an open bar at this event? Bubba is looking a little tipsy! Congrats on your three-year subscription! —Ed.

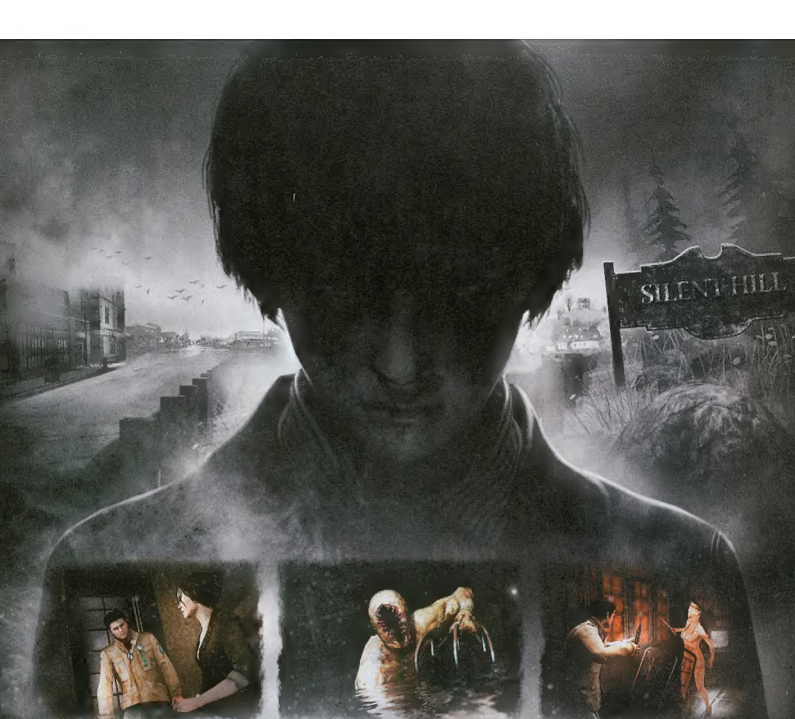


TURNING DAUGHTER INTO WHINE

I just wanted to ask the powers that be if they have any insight into what has happened to my 11-year-old daughter? My daughter stayed three weeks during the summer with her cousin in hotter-than-hell Phoenix, Arizona. Anyway, when I arrived at the airport to pick her up, I did not recognize her right away because she had a short bob with bright purple streaks in her hair, she wore all black with black skinny jeans, black slip-ons, black nail polish, black bag and a MAD magazine under her arm (and an apathetic, sarcastic attitude to boot)! I wanted to blame her aunt and cousin at first, but upon further in-depth inspection of said magazine, I have come to the conclusion that they are not entirely responsible.

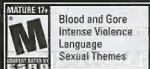
Christina Collins, Vista, CA

Collinoscopy — She's dressed all in black and reading MAD? Sounds like she's mourning the death of her good taste! —Ed.



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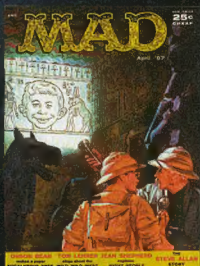
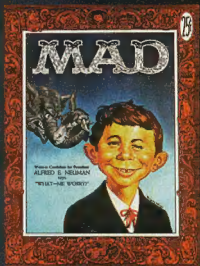
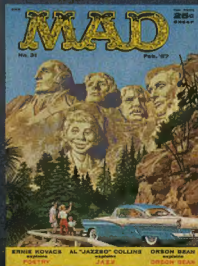
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THE SOAK'S ON YOU

Earlier, when I was getting out of my bath, I almost spilled water on my new issue of MAD! It was so close that I now do not read my MAD in the tub anymore. I cannot take the risk of it getting wet.

Nikki Franda, Plano, TX

Franda Comes Alive — You've uncovered the reason why most MAD readers don't bathe! Enjoy the new-found freedom, Stinky! —Ed.



GESTURE AVERAGE READER

I am a sixth-grade student at Brentwood Elementary School in Spokane, WA. My teacher told us to write to our absolute favorite business. So, naturally I chose you. The first time I read one of your issues I thought I would die laughing. Please, if it is not an inconvenience, I would appreciate a small token from your incomparable organization to prove to my teacher and classmates that you are the best company on the face of the Earth. Please accept my apology for taking up your most valuable time and thank you in advance for anything you might send my way.

Evan Carpenter, Spokane, WA

Wall To Wall Carpenter — Here's a small token from us to you! —Ed.



THE BIG FLAG PART DEUX

When we asked our readers to design their own MAD flags, we received so many that we couldn't fit them all in one issue! Below are the rest of the salute-worthy submissions! Thanks to all who sent flags in!



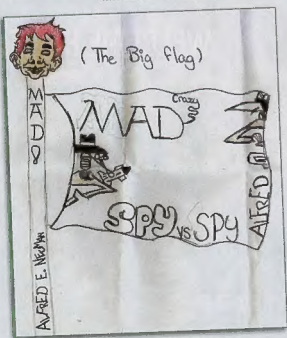
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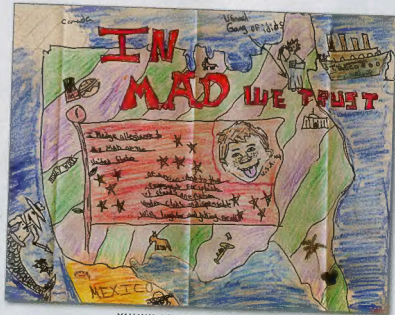
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MAD INTERNS



We'd like to take this opportunity to give a gracious shout out to our 2008 Summer interns: on the editorial side, Jacobus Dixon, Michael Grinspan, Matt Lassen and Jon Marquis; and on the art side, Erin Miller, Laurie Sanford and Aaron Sidorov. Thank you for all of your hard work — we hope you got it out of your system and will go out and get real jobs now!



JACOBUS DIXON



MICHAEL GRINSPAN



MATT LASSEN



JON MARQUIS



AARON SIDOROV



LAURIE SANFORD



ERIN MILLER

READER ALERT II

If your letter was printed in this month's Letters Page you'll be adding to your DVD collection! You'll get *The Incredible Hulk* on DVD courtesy of our friends at Universal Home Video, *Iron Man* on DVD courtesy of our friends at Paramount and the collector's set DVD of *Hell In A Cell* courtesy of our friends at the WWE. If your missive wasn't printed, don't put yourself in a full nelson, they are all on sale now!



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It was once said, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." It was also once said, "Don't shoot!" And it was also once said, "Please pass the chicken gravy."

*My point is that people say a lot of things. And I say a lot of things too, for example, everything I just said. Which brings me to **MAD** — yes, **MAD** — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — also says a lot of things. But the less said about that the better.*

Someone else who wasn't me once said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Whoa Nellie! (This is me talking again, not that other guy who wasn't me.) Who wouldn't choose liberty over death? That's a no-brainer!

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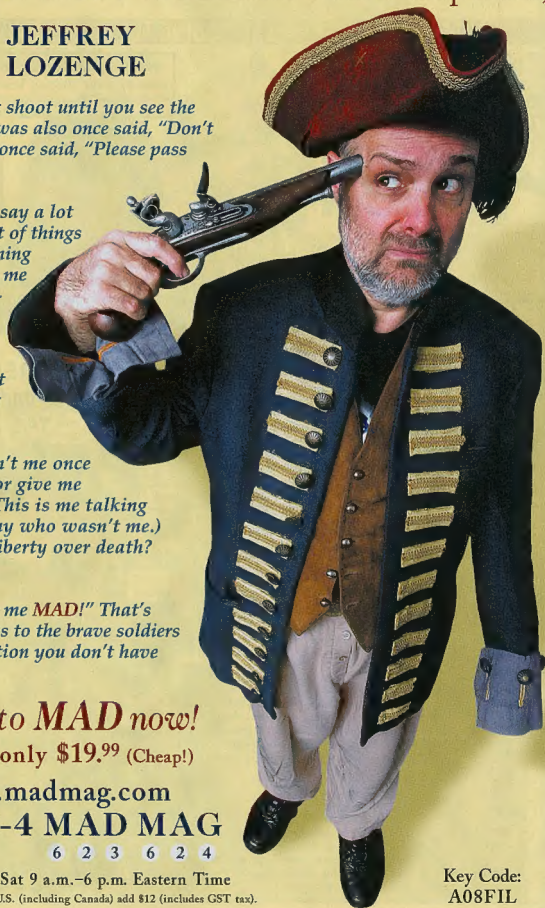
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If elected, you wouldn't actually root for the President to die, would you?

What kind of Vice President will you be: evil like Dick Cheney, something like Dan Quayle, or boring like Al Gore?

If there's one thing you'd like to tell both of our viewers, what would it be?



Who's on your short list for Vice President when you run in 2016?

Is your spouse prepared to take over the duty of leading White House tours?



Gov. Palin, you were in a group that caused a Muslim execution. What are your views on kicking New Jersey out of the Union?

Tell me, Gov. Palin: McCain's just playing a prank, right?

Were you seriously needing word of whether or not you were the pick, or were you like the rest of America?

What would you do in Iraq if...uh, forget it. It's not like you'll be in a position of power.

LEAST POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES OF 2008



The 17 pregnant Gloucester High Teens (for Sarah Palin's daughter)



A U.S. Olympic Athlete in Beijing



Kim Kardashian's Ass



John Edwards' Mistress' Pregnancy Test

FUNDALINI VOTER GUIDE TO THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES



John Edwards
Age: 37
Party: Democratic
Family: A real guy, real son of a bitch
Previous Political Experience: He's never been the Governor of North Carolina. He's never been the Vice President of the United States. He's never been the President of the United States.



Barack Obama
Age: 41
Party: Democratic
Family: He's a real guy, real son of a bitch
Previous Political Experience: He's never been the Governor of Illinois. He's never been the Vice President of the United States. He's never been the President of the United States.



Mitt Romney
Age: 46
Party: Republican
Family: He's a real guy, real son of a bitch
Previous Political Experience: He's never been the Governor of Massachusetts. He's never been the Vice President of the United States. He's never been the President of the United States.



Al Gore
Age: 60
Party: Democratic
Family: He's a real guy, real son of a bitch
Previous Political Experience: He's never been the Governor of Tennessee. He's never been the Vice President of the United States. He's never been the President of the United States.



Michelle Obama
Age: 43
Party: Democratic
Family: He's a real guy, real son of a bitch
Previous Political Experience: He's never been the Governor of Illinois. He's never been the Vice President of the United States. He's never been the President of the United States.

THE "REAL" REASONS Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince WAS LOST



Waiting for Al Gore to deliver the soundtrack was a huge mistake.

Chinese-made wands gone half the cast load poisoning.

They can't out of film, because in 2008, almost all available film stock was commandeered for getting shots of Angelina and Brad's twins.

If the film had come out in 2009, all the commercials featuring a powerful, virile leader would have been misinterpreted as McCain campaign ads.

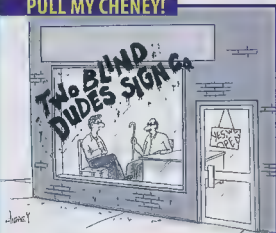
Contract negotiations with the OWL Union broke down.

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THE FUNDALINI PAGES

PULL MY CHENEY!



"Economy shmonomy — you know damn well why business is bad, Fred."

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF HIGH DEF TV

ADVANTAGE

When watching Blake Lively on *Gossip Girl* you can tell when they're keeping the show's set just a little too cold — if you know what we mean.

DISADVANTAGE

When watching Bill O'Reilly you can see that the pancake makeup doesn't quite cover the "666" birthmark on his forehead.

ADVANTAGE

Grey's Anatomy in high def is so detailed, people without medical insurance can learn how to perform their own surgery!

DISADVANTAGE

When watching *America's Next Top Model* you can see the thin line of dried-up vomit around the mouths of several models.



DISADVANTAGE

24 becomes REALLY unbelievable when you can clearly see that Jack Bauer doesn't have a single scar after 5 years of being shot, blown up, beat up and run over!

ADVANTAGE

When you watch *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* you won't feel bad about your own screwed-up home improvements — now that you can see the sloppy paint jobs, cracked ceilings, and crooked nails from Ty Pennington trying to rebuild an entire home in just 5 days.

OUTTAKES FROM JOHN EDWARD'S NIGHTLINE INTERVIEW

Since there are two Americas, I might as well have two lovers.

I wanted to prove that Ann Coulter's "faggot" comment was simply not true.

I guess I'm just a sucker for a woman with hair as beautiful as mine.

I did a lot of soul-searching about whether to speak at the Democratic Convention, and had to ask myself: How hot are the women in Denver?

I assumed the whole thing was untrue since it was in *The National Enquirer*.

Had I told the truth last year, maybe Dennis Kucinich would have won the nomination.

Can we move the camera a few feet over so it can get my good side?

Hey, if cheating on my cancer-stricken wife and lying about it is wrong, then I don't want to be right.

I really hope all of this will be forgotten by 2012 when I make my next failed bid for President.

I did not have sex with that woman Miss Lewinsky.

Technically, it doesn't count as intercourse if the baby isn't mine.

I blame Ohio. If they had voted for Kerry and me, I would have been too busy to fool around.

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Wayne was a bit surprised by the letter, but he was not at all offended. It wasn't just another common complaint about the "Dork Knight" column. It was a letter from a fan who had been reading the column for a long time and had been enjoying it very much. Wayne was a bit surprised by the letter, but he was not at all offended. It wasn't just another common complaint about the "Dork Knight" column. It was a letter from a fan who had been reading the column for a long time and had been enjoying it very much.

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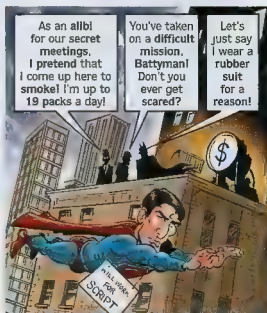
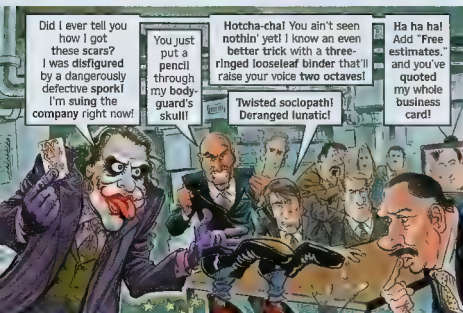
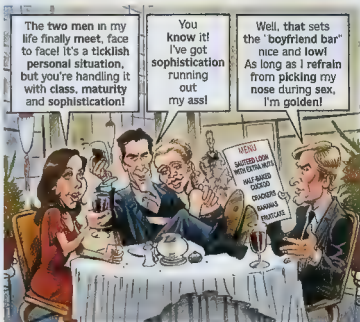
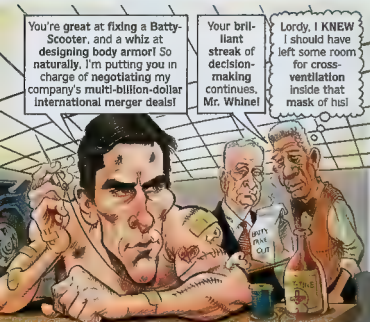
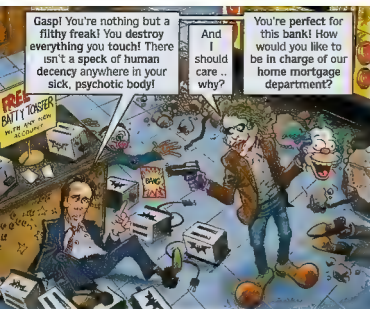
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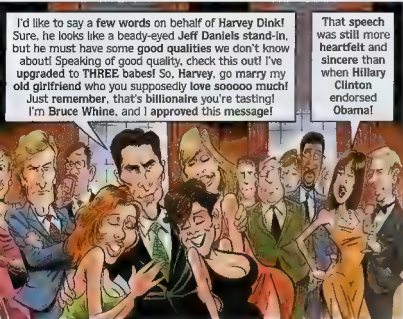
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WRITER: JIMMY KIMBLE JR. ARTIST: TOM BROWN





I'd like to say a few words on behalf of Harvey Dink! Sure, he looks like a beady-eyed Jeff Daniels stand-in, but he must have some good qualities we don't know about! Speaking of good quality, check this out! I've upgraded to **THREE** babes! So, Harvey, go marry my old girlfriend who you supposedly love sooooo much! Just remember, that's billionaire you're tasting! I'm Bruce Whine, and I approved this message!

That speech was still more heartfelt and sincere than when Hillary Clinton endorsed Obama!



You look very familiar! Didn't I go camping with your brother once?

I'm not afraid of you! The concrete pavement sixty stones down, though, now THAT scares me!

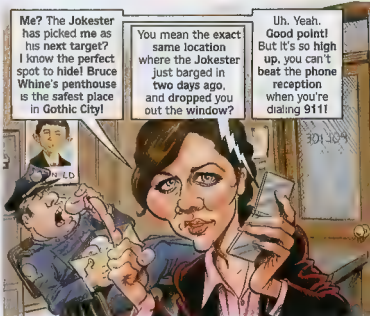
Did I ever tell you how I got these scars? I was working at an exotic pet store, and the owner beat me five bucks I wouldn't French kiss a pms-ing ocelot!



Oh, God! It's so horrible! It's just so horrible!

The Joker's rash of murders? A hysterical city gripped in fear? No, these bagpipes!

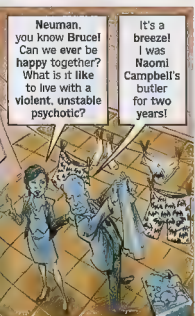
We will never forget Commissioner Walk-on! His two minutes of screen time will forever be a shining inspiration to the citizens of Gothic City! I fervently believe we can sum up this great man's life with three simple words: Courage. Justice. And...DUCK!



Me? The Jokerster has picked me as his next target? I know the perfect spot to hide! Bruce Whine's penthouse is the safest place in Gothic City!

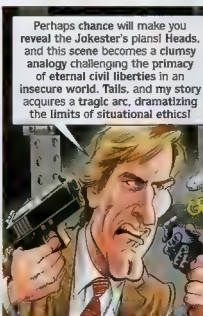
You mean the exact same location where the Jokerster just barged in two days ago, and dropped you out the window?

Uh. Yeah. Good point! But it's so high up, you can't beat the phone reception when you're dialing 911!

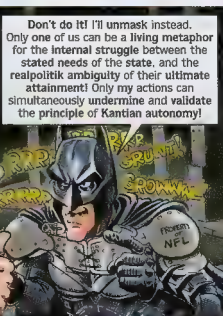


Neuman, you know Bruce! Can we ever be happy together? What is it like to live with a violent, unstable psychotic?

It's a breeze! I was Naomi Campbell's butler for two years!



Perhaps chance will make you reveal the Joker's plans! Heads, and this scene becomes a clumsy analogy challenging the primacy of eternal civil liberties in an insecure world. Tails, and my story acquires a tragic arc, dramatizing the limits of situational ethics!



Don't do it! I'll unmask instead. Only one of us can be a living metaphor for the internal struggle between the stated needs of the state, and the realpolitik ambiguity of their ultimate attainment! Only my actions can simultaneously undermine and validate the principle of Kantian autonomy!



There's nothing like a philosophical impasse between a guy flipping a coin and a guy with pointy ears! When do we get a damn car chase around here?

Hey, look! At the big press conference to reveal Battyman's true identity, we've got 100 reporters, 100 cops, 100 politicians, and for no apparent reason, bajillionaire Bruce Whine! There's nothing suspicious about that!

This is a Battyman press conference? Phooey! I assumed it was yet another elected official admitting that they're gay!

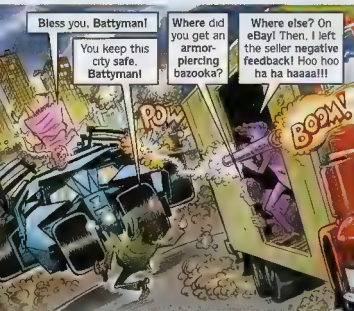
Remember, the night is darkest just before the dawn! The only thing to fear is fear itself! United we stand, divided we fall! Snug as a bug in a rug! The squeaky wheel gets the grease! And now, since I've run out of vapid clichés, you may arrest me! I am Battyman!



Bless you, Battyman! You keep this city safe, Battyman!

Where did you get an armor-piercing bazooka?

Where else? On eBay! Then, I left the seller negative feedback! Hoo hoo ha ha haaaa!!!



Gently! Gently! You'll smear my makeup!

You have the right to remain silent, especially after I knock you unconscious! You have the right to have an attorney present during questioning! If I were you, I'd pick one who's a blood donor match!

Aha! Listen to Battyman's ridiculous growly, gravelly voice! I just figured out his secret identity!

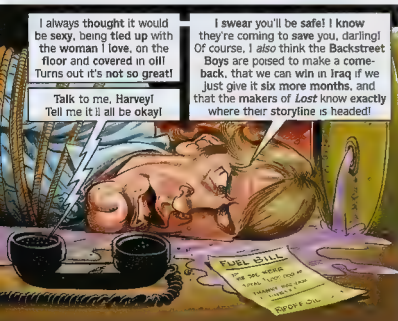
Cookie! Me want cookie!



I always thought it would be sexy, being tied up with the woman I love, on the floor and covered in oil! Turns out it's not so great!

Talk to me, Harvey! Tell me it's all okay!

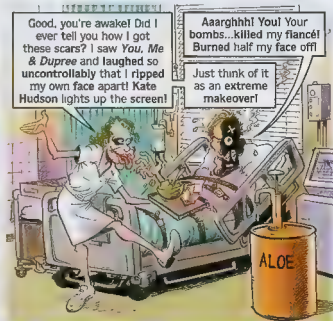
I swear you'll be safe! I know they're coming to save you, darling! Of course, I also think the Backstreet Boys are poised to make a comeback, that we can win in Iraq if we just give it six more months, and that the makers of *Lost* know exactly where their storyline is headed!



Good, you're awake! Did I ever tell you how I got these scars? I saw *You, Me & Dupree* and laughed so uncontrollably that I ripped my own face apart! Kate Hudson lights up the screen!

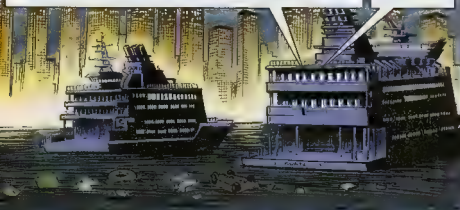
Aaarghhhh! You! Your bombs...killed my fiancé! Burned half my face off!

Just think of it as an extreme makeover!



The Jokerster's plot is diabolically simple! Somehow he guessed which two ferryboats to put two bombs on. Each boat has a detonator! But *our* detonator is connected to the *OTHER* ship's bomb, and vice versa! *Either* boat can save itself from being killed by exploding the *other* boat! However, *one* group of passengers must trigger its detonator by midnight, or else Jokerster will blow up *BOTH* boats! That is, unless the Jokerster deliberately provided false information about the detonators, the deadline, or the...

SHUT UPI SHUT UPI Push the button already! Getting blown to pieces will be a pleasure after all that nonsense!



The Jokerster must be located at any cost! It's illegal and unethical, but I secretly connected your advanced imaging technology to every one of the 20 million cell phones in Gotham City! Each of those phones is now feeding live visual information back into our database! What does it show?

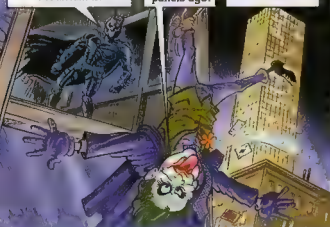
The insides of 20 million ears!



Finally, I've got you roped and tied, with your butt up in the air! I'll bet you're relieved that this is a mainstream action movie and not *Brokeback Mountain* 2!

Wake up, Battyman! We did the *Brokeback Mountain* joke 12 panels ago!

I know! But I'm stuck for a gag, and for jokes about OD-ing on illegal prescription drugs, it's still "too soon!"



Heads, your boy lives! Tails, he dies! A flip of my coin will decide!

What about my wife and daughter? Or Battyman? Or myself? Or you?

Okay, have it your way! Let's decide this with a game of Yahtzee!



The public must never learn what Harvey did! There's only one way to cover this up, Mel! Blame his police killings on me!

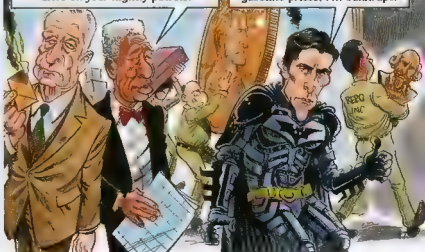
But wouldn't it be even easier to blame the murders on Jokerster?

Maybe! But this is the best plan I can suggest right now! I just hope my thinking hasn't been too affected by the fact that I just fell four stories and probably have a grade-2 concussion!



Now that you're being hunted by the police, I've whipped up a snazzy cloaking device for your Batty-mobile! It'll help you escape detection as you drive on your nightly patrols!

Forget it! I can't afford to keep running the Batty-mobiles anymore, plus the Batty-cycle, and a Batty-plane besides. With current gasoline prices, I'm bankrupt!

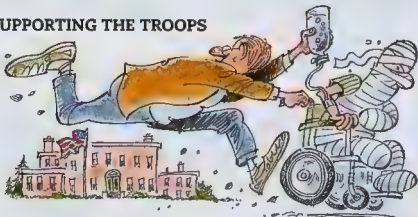




Back when the Iraq War started, we couldn't help but notice that the buzzwords and catch phrases emanating from the White House and Pentagon weren't exactly meshing with reality. With the mission already accomplished, we hurriedly assembled a collection of examples and rushed them into print in MAD #438. We wanted to make sure that our article made it to publication before the war ended, Iraq was quiet, and all the troops were already home. As it turned out, we could have taken our sweet time about it. So what's the situation on the ground four years later? The oil might be getting scarce, but the B.S. is flowing just as freely as ever! And so, we present the second of what we never thought would turn out to be a long, long series

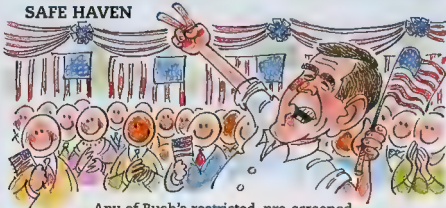
MAD'S UPDATED GLOSSARY TO THE WAR ON TERROR

SUPPORTING THE TROOPS



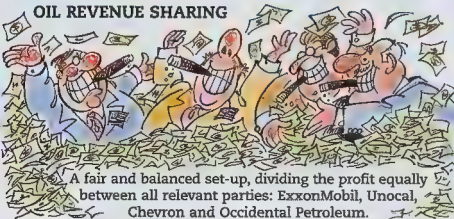
Keeping them far, far away from the decaying hellholes that are our Veterans' Hospitals.

SAFE HAVEN



Any of Bush's restricted, pre-screened, "no touchy questions" Town Hall meetings.

OIL REVENUE SHARING



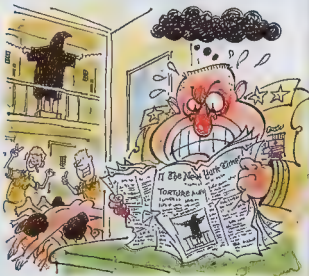
A fair and balanced set-up, dividing the profit equally between all relevant parties: ExxonMobil, Unocal, Chevron and Occidental Petroleum.

EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION



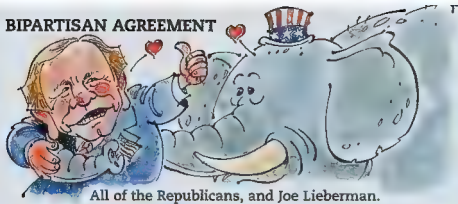
The "high C" note a prisoner makes when 25,000 volts get shot through his nutsack.

PRISON TORTURE SCANDAL



The horrible, scandalous fact that somebody blabbed about the prison torture.

BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT



All of the Republicans, and Joe Lieberman.

"STUBBORN POCKETS OF RESISTANCE"



The three-fourths of Americans who, according to the polls, don't think Bush is doing a darned good job.

"PROVIDING AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY"



\$5.00 per gallon.

DETAINEE ABUSE



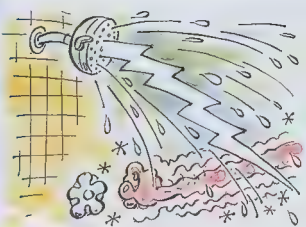
The fourth, fifth and sixth tours of duty for the "all-volunteer" army.

"ENTERING A DRAMATIC NEW PHASE"



Getting one's ass booted from the Bush inner circle, and then claiming you were secretly against the war all along.

"THE SURGE IS WORKING"



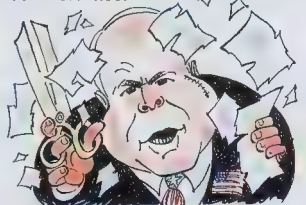
The last thing noticed by the dozen U.S. soldiers who've been electrocuted in the shower by the ungrounded wires installed by incompetent Halliburton profiteers.

THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



Something Iraqis enjoy, during the 2 hours a day Baghdad has electricity.

CUT AND RUN

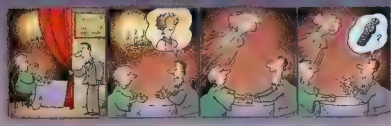


A phrase which, oddly, is most often used by the same politicians who cut our soldiers' combat pay, cut their furloughs, and cut their insurance and health benefits, and then run for reelection as gung-ho patriots.

SENCE IN GENERAL DEPT.

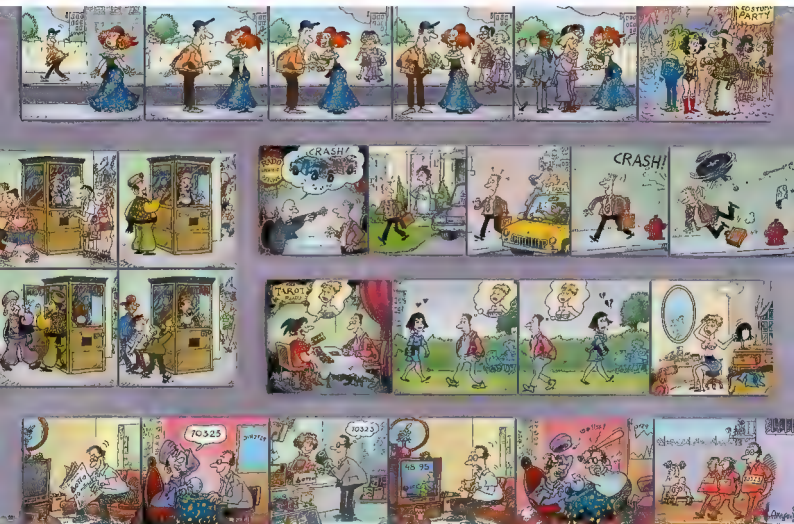
SEAN BROWN

PRESENTS A MAD LOOK AT FORTUNE TELLERS



WRITER AND ARTIST: SEAN BROWN







HOPELESS

THIS MONTH: COUNTDOWN

WITH KEITH OLBERMANN

8:40

Olbermann lightens the mood with his "Best Persons in the World" segment, focusing on the mishaps of dumb criminals, drunk criminals, or dumb drunk criminals. (But not the ones who fly on Air Force One.) The final miscreant gets an extra-special reward: their very own ironically-chosen music snippet.



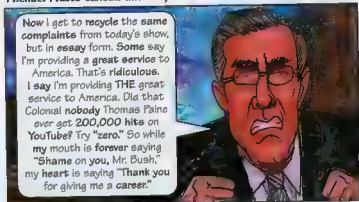
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Rush Limbaugh mocks others. Sean Hannity insults them. Ann Coulter reduces them to simplistic cartoons. There's only one intelligent way to rise above this kind of stupid, hyperbolic Right-Wing rudeness: Call them "The Worst Person in the World!"



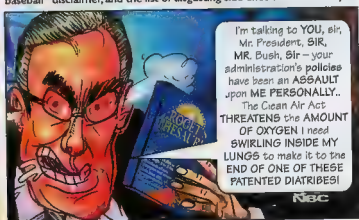
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With scathing multisyllabic anger, Keith Olbermann launches into one of his "Special Comments." These extra-long opinion pieces only appear on the rare occasions when Olbermann is sufficiently moved by the maelstrom of political events to scrutinize the particulars for posterity. Or else when Michael Musto cancels and they have to fill time.



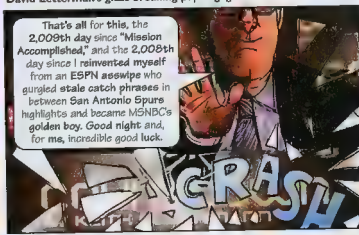
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Eight minutes and six sentences later, the "Special Comment" nears its finish. It's the third densest chunk of words on television, after the "express written consent of major league baseball" disclaimer, and the list of disgusting side effects from boner pills.



8:59

In one final explosion of egomaniacal klepto-indulgence, Olbermann steals Ted Koppel's "number of days since..." nightly update, Edward R. Murrow's signoff line AND David Letterman's glass-breaking paper gag.

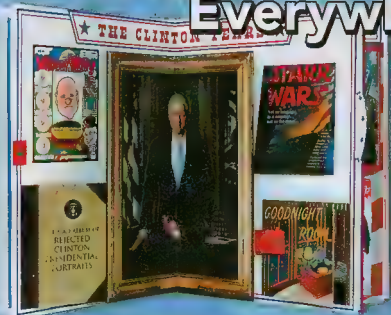


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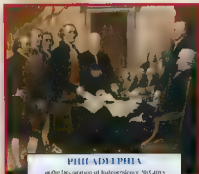
Recent U.S. Clinton said, "You could argue that no one is ever ready to be president" and the former Communist Party U.S. chair may have a point. But experience couldn't hurt in preparing someone for the Oval Office—and that's where John "Ready to lead from day one" McCain now is. In fact, no president's candidate in our nation's history has even come close to sporting the GOP nominee's former experiences. To give you all the information necessary before you step into that voting booth, Mail presents:

A Look Back AT THE HISTORICAL CAREER of JOHN MCCAIN



ATLANTIC OCEAN

...to the Pope. Sen. McCain agreed with his fellow pilgrims that a man who would greet them as "homies"



PHILIP AND PHEILA

in the negotiation of independence. McCain's negotiations with England included the fact that



LOUISIANA TERRITORY

McLean's writings will write invaluable
 ethnic letters and link exposures



AN LIEFAM, MARY LANDY

McLean was always there to meet the President. Like the other South American in the Penton, he is a second-hand

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BOSTON HARBOR

Before he disappeared off shore drilling, Mier also had an active hand in a few other oil and gas projects.



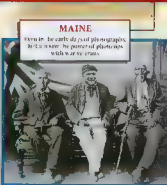
PHILADELPHIA

McCain was the first to ask
for Texas' status. A spokesman
did not respond to the inquiry.



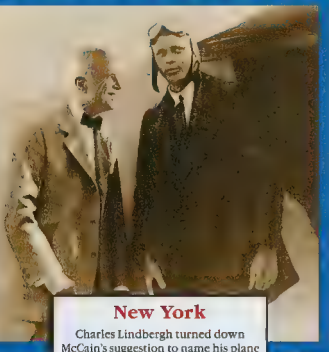
TEXAS

Remember the Alamo? McCann does. It was there that Alamo helped solve America's building immigration problem.



MAINE

Even in the early days of photography
in this way the power of plastics
will be enormous.



New York

Charles Lindbergh turned down McCain's suggestion to name his plane "The Straight Talk of St. Louis."



New York

McCain has always been a friend of the working man.

1927

1930

1932

1945

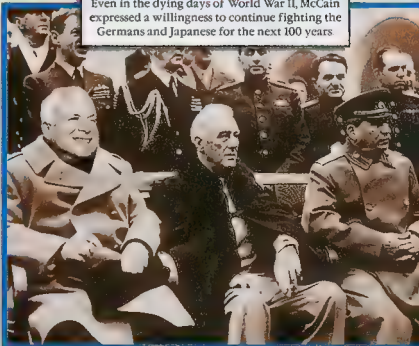
Washington, DC

During the Great Depression, McCain had a keen knowledge of the country's economic situation



Yalta

Even in the dying days of World War II, McCain expressed a willingness to continue fighting the Germans and Japanese for the next 100 years





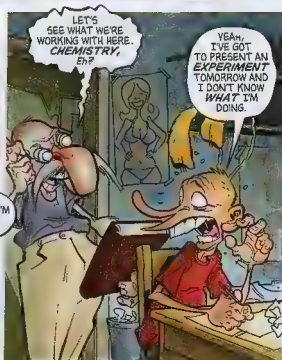
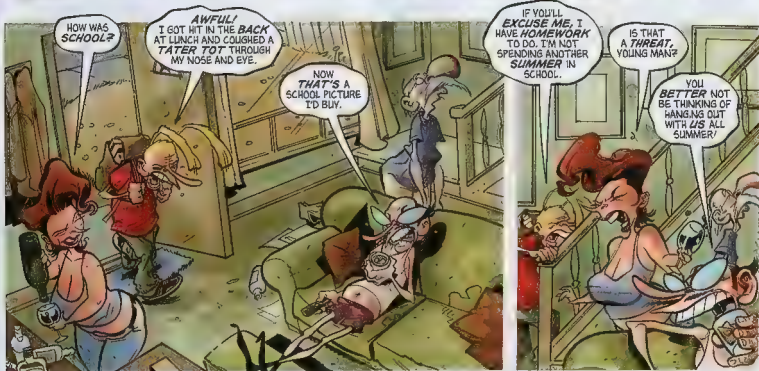
Lower the
government's
National
Threat Level
to green! Its...

MONROE

and...



Domestic Terror





AN HOUR LATER...

SO, HOW YOU
LIKING WATER-
BOARDING?
eh?!

NOT GREAT,
GUSTAVO, BUT I TELL YA,
IT'S NOT HALF AS BAD
AS ONE OF DYLAN'S
TOILET HEAD-
PLUNGINGS.

WHUF?
YEAH, WELL HERE'S
ANOTHER DUNK,
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU
COULD USE A
BATH.

36 HOURS LATER...

HOW DID
YOU LIKE THE
HOLE?

COMPARED
TO SPENDING
AN ENTIRE SPRING
BREAK STUFFED
IN A LOCKER, IT WAS
A PIECE OF
CAKE.

72 HOURS LATER...

WE'VE KEPT
YOU UP FOR THREE
STRAIGHT DAYS,
NOW ARE YOU
WILLING TO PLAY
BALL?

HAS IT
BEEN THREE
DAYS ALREADY?
REMINDS ME OF LAST
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND WHEN
MY PARENTS WENT
ON A MOJITO
BENDER.

SO I CAN
GO?

YES,
GUSTAVO SAYS THE
ONLY THREAT YOU
POSE IS TO PEOPLE'S
SANITY.

EXCELLENT.
CATCH YOU GUYS
LATER. BYE,
GUSTAVO.

MONROE, WHAT
HAPPENED?

TURNS OUT
THEY COULDN'T
TORTURE ME
AS MUCH AS MY
REGULAR
LIFE COULD.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THEY
THOUGHT I WAS A
THREAT.

THEY DON'T
REALIZE THAT
YOU'VE TAKEN ALL
THAT TORMENT
AND INSTEAD OF
UNLEASHING IT
ON THE WORLD...

I BURROW
IT RIGHT
BACK INTO
MYSELF.

THAT'S
MY MONROE.

SHOULD WE
CALL MOM
AND TELL HER
SHE CAN COME
HOME?

SURE,
IN A MONTH!
BOYS NIGHT
OUT!

THAT'S
RIGHT. WE'RE
CELEBRATING.

GETTING
OUT OF
PRISON?

AND
GOING BACK TO
SUMMER
SCHOOL.

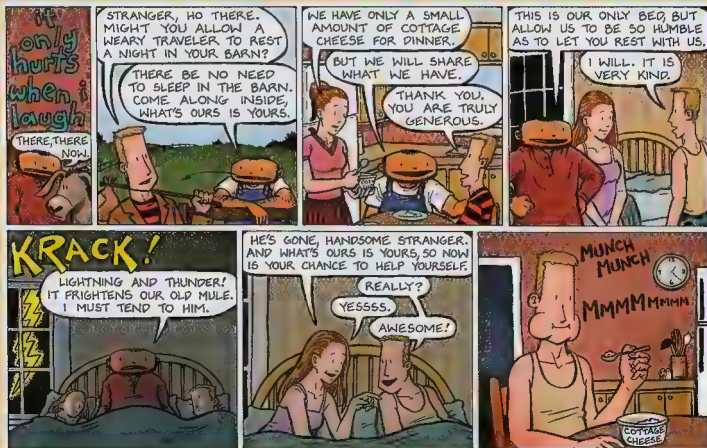
GREAT.
THANKS
FOR THAT,
POP.



THE STRIP CLUB

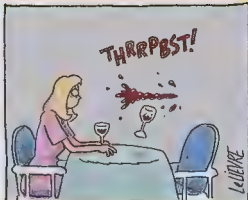
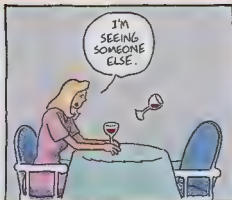


RYAN PAGELOW

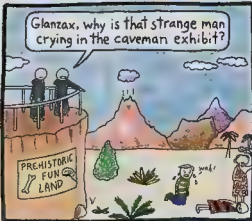


CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

HOW TO DUMP AN INVISIBLE MAN!



GLEN LELIEVRE



The Family Follies!



ROD HARRILL

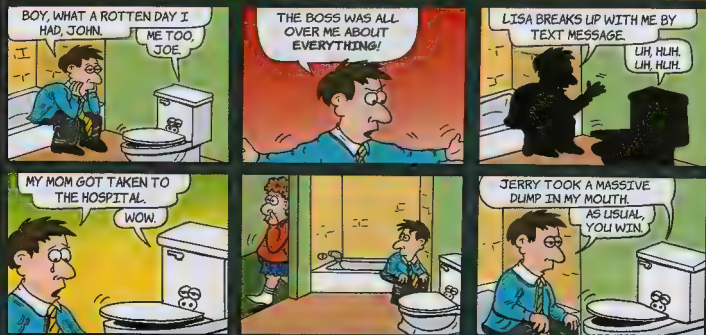
ME, MYSELF AND MY PUPPET

AT THE DINER



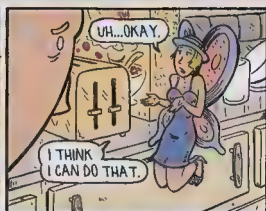
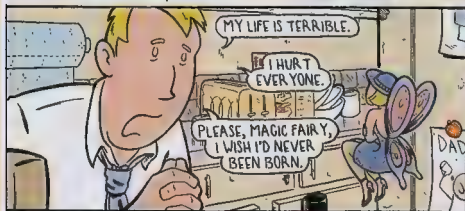
JOHN KOVALESKI

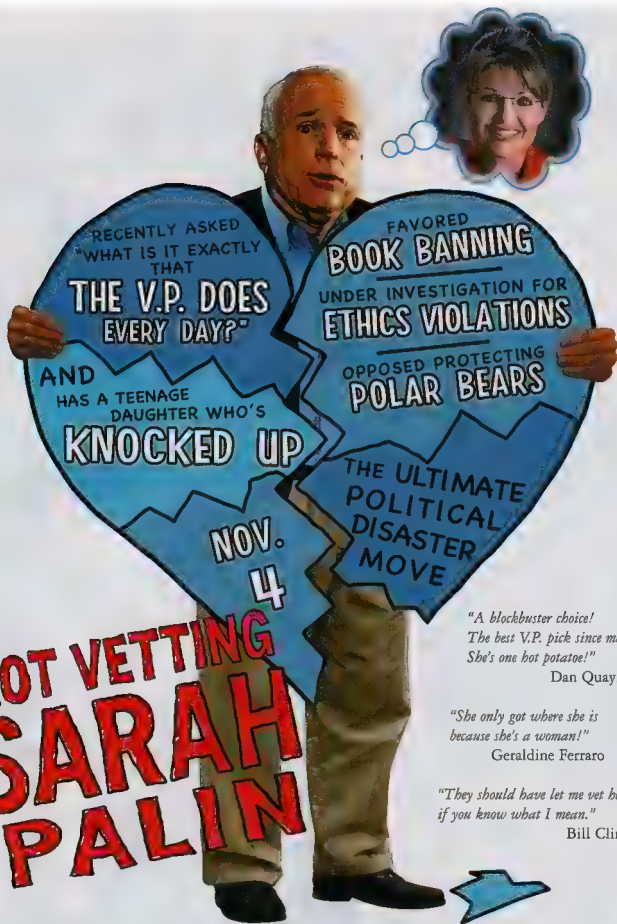
THE ROOMMATES: JOHN, JOE AND JERRY



TODD CLARK

JUST BELOW THE SURFACE





RECENTLY ASKED
"WHAT IS IT EXACTLY
THAT

**THE V.P. DOES
EVERY DAY?"**

AND

HAS A TEENAGE
DAUGHTER WHO'S

KNOCKED UP

NOV.
4

**NOT VETTING
SARAH
PALIN**

FAVORED
BOOK BANNING

UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR
ETHICS VIOLATIONS

OPPOSED PROTECTING
POLAR BEARS

THE ULTIMATE
POLITICAL
DISASTER
MOVE

*"A blockbuster choice!
The best V.P. pick since me!
She's one hot potatoe!"*

Dan Quayle

*"She only got where she is
because she's a woman!"*

Geraldine Ferraro

*"They should have let me vet her -
if you know what I mean."*

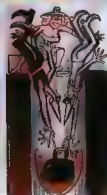
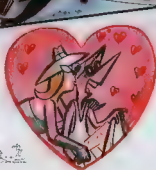
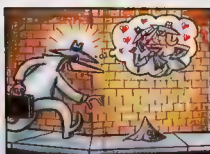
Bill Clinton

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESENTS A JOHN MCCAIN PRODUCTION "NOT VETTING SARAH PALIN"
STARRING JOHN MCCAIN AS THE "MAVERICK" INTIMIDATED BY THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT
SARAH PALIN AS THE VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE WHO JUST GOT HER PASSPORT THREE MONTHS AGO
FEATURING SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN AS "TWO-FACE"

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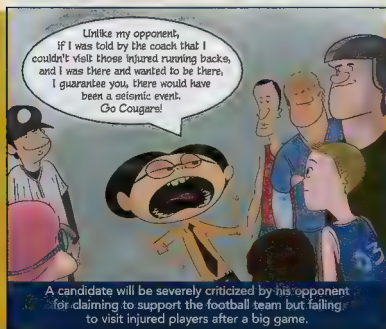
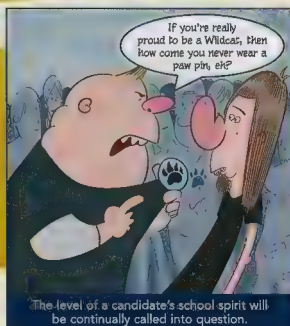
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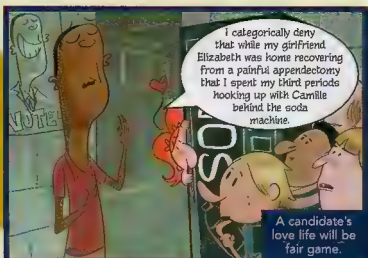
The road to the White House is paved with wild accusations and vicious name-calling. The halls of high school also house their share of rumors and taunts, but for some reason, class elections are relatively civil (except, of course, for an occasional pantsing). With all eyes on election coverage this year, the dirty and despicable tactics used in the presidential race are bound to inspire the political hopefuls running for student government. Here's what to expect...

WHEN HIGH SCHOOL ARE RUN LIKE ELECTIONS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS





A candidate will point out his rival's ties to "special interest groups."



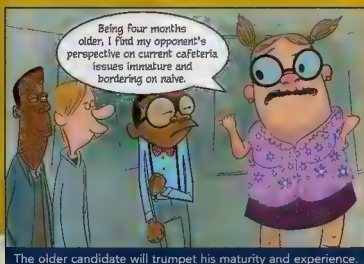
A candidate's love life will be fair game.



The candidate will try to exploit his experience of being tortured as evidence of his strength.



In an effort to bolster his image as an "experienced and respected leader," a candidate will go on a multi-city speaking tour of other high schools.



The older candidate will trumpet his maturity and experience.

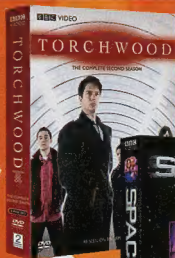


Bitter losers from previous campaigns will take cheap pot-shots from the sidelines.

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COLLECTING
AND PACKAGING
GARBAGE?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

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GOOD IDEAS SO OFTEN GO BAD. IT'S DIFFICULT AS-
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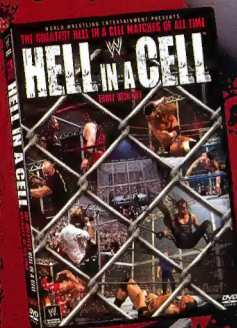
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